

## Sample Letter

Senator Barbara Boxer  
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Dear Senator Boxer:

In November, 2008, the voters of Los Angeles County voted an extraordinary 67.8% Yes for Measure R to impose a ½ cent sales tax to raise nearly \$40 billion over the next 30 years to finance investments in our transportation infrastructure. 70% of Measure R investments will pay for enhanced public transit, including completion of the Wilshire Blvd subway, six new and extended light rail systems as well as provide for several new Bus Rapid Transit lines, and an expansion of our bus fleet.

We urge you to work with Los Angeles County Metro as we work to build a partnership with the Federal Government to implement our 30 year Measure R transportation plan in 10 years! **We call this our 30/10 Plan.**

Measure R transit improvements are now funded and will be completed! Several projects will be completed in the next decade, but other projects will wait until the funding will be generated. However, if we are able to secure additional funding, we can complete the construction in one decade, rather than three and, substantially reduce project costs and dramatically enhance economic and environmental benefits.

**The 30/10 plan will:** 1) dramatically stimulate the California economy and generate thousands of new, well-paid jobs; 2) markedly reduce traffic congestion in Los Angeles County; and 3) significantly reduce both air pollution and greenhouse gases that are contributing to both climate change and serious health problems.

We urge you and the Los Angeles County congressional delegation to champion our efforts to fast track this program by supporting three things:

- 1) Champion the Los Angeles County Metro application for New Starts funding for the Wilshire Subway and the Downtown Regional Connector, the two projects that will most dramatically improve the overall efficacy of our transit system. (In fact, we urge support for LA Metro efforts to secure an Early Systems Work Agreement, just as New Jersey recently won for the Hudson River tunnel to Manhattan.)
- 2) Support other federal funds for our Crenshaw LRT and the Foothill Gold Line Extension.
- 3) Support the creation of a federal loan program, such as a National Infrastructure Development Bank, that can make a significant loan for transportation projects at low interest rates secured by Measure R funds.

These efforts will enable LA County Metro to complete the voter approved Measure R program in one decade rather than three. Los Angeles County can then become a demonstration project for other cities and counties to generate jobs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and improve the health in countless communities.

We thank you for your service and attention to our concerns.

## Sample Email

### Subject:

We Urge Sen. Boxer to Champion LA Metro Plan to Implement 30 year plan in 10 years

Dear Senator Boxer,

**We need you to champion a partnership between Los Angeles County Metro and the Federal Government that would enable the implementation of our 30-year Measure R transportation plan in just 10 years!**

In November, 2008, LA County voters voted over 67.8% Yes for Measure R, voting to increase the sales tax ½ cent in the county to raise nearly \$40 billion over the next thirty years to finance investments in our transportation infrastructure. Nearly 70% of Measure R investments will pay for enhanced public transit.

As it is, the Measure R program will be completed in 30 years. With the right help from the federal government, it can all be built in ten years!! We need you to champion three things!

First, champion the LA Metro application for New Starts funding for the Wilshire Subway and the Downtown Regional Connector.

Second, champion other federal funds for the Crenshaw LRT and the Foothill Goldline Extension.

Third, support the creation of a federal loan program, such as a National Infrastructure Development Bank, to make a significant loan to LA Metro at low interest rates secured by our Measure R revenue stream.

In so doing we can: 1) dramatically stimulate the California economy and generate thousands of new, well-paid jobs; 2) markedly reduce traffic congestion in Los Angeles County; and 3) significantly reduce both air pollution and greenhouse gases that cause climate change.

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## Sample phone message

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With this help LA Metro can implement the Measure R 30 year plan in 10 years, and become a model program for how communities can create thousands of good, new jobs and significantly reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

Thank you